

HOUSE BILL 1232

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13 and Title 40, relative to aggravated
rape of a child.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-531, is amended by adding
the following as a new subsection:

(c) A court shall not accept a plea of guilty or no contest to any other offense in
exchange for a dismissal of the charge of aggravated rape of a child if the charge of
aggravated rape of a child against the defendant is supported by:

(1) Testimony of a witness who observed the defendant commit the
offense; or

(2) Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) evidence recovered from the victim.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and
applies to offenses committed on or after that date.